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SUBJ: BAN ON JUNE 17TH NPD RALLY IN FRANKFURT, GERMANY

1. THE LORD MAYOR OF FRANKFURT, DR. WALTER WALLMANN (CDU)
HAS BANNED THE NPD (NATIONAL PARTY OF GERMANY) FROM
HOLDING A RALLY IN FRANKFURT WHICH WAS PLANNED FOR
JUNE 17TH, THE DAY OF GERMAN UNITY.

2. DR. WALLMANN STATED IN PRESS RELEASE THAT IN
BANNING THE DEMONSTRATION HE HOPED TO AVERT DISTURBANCES
SUCH AS TOOK PLACE IN PREVIOUS NPD DEMONSTRATIONS IN
FRANKFURT. FURTHERMORE, HE DID NOT WANT THE NPD TO
MAKE FRANKFURT THE CENTER OF ITS RIGHT EXTREMIST
AIMS AND THAT A DEMONSTRATION HERE WOULD CAUSE
CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE TO THE CITY'S REPUTATION.
HE STATED THAT FRANKFURT HAD A SPECIAL OBLIGATION
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TO LEAD THE FIGHT AGAINST ENEMIES OF DEMOCRACY.

3. COMMENT: WALLMANN HAS TOLD THE CONSUL GENERAL
THAT HE HOPES TO ARRANGE WITH THE SPD, CDU, AND FDP
A JOINT JUNE 17TH CELEBRATION. THE PROHIBITION OF
THE NPD RALLY IS A PRELIMINARY TO THIS. ACCORDING
TO A NEWSPAPER REPORT THE FDP AGREED TO DISCUSS THE

MATTER. THE SPD IS IN A QUANDARY FOR ALTHOUGH IT DOES NOT WANT TO HOLD A JOINT RALLY WITH CDU IT DOES NOT WANT IT TO BE SAID THAT THE SPD MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR NPD TO STAND IN THE LIMELIGHT. IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER WALLLMANN WILL SUCEED IN ARRANGING A JOINT AFFAIR.

4. IT IS STILL UNKNOWN WHETHER NPD WILL FIGHT THE BAN IN THE CITY COURTS. SOME CITY LAWYERS BELIEVE THAT THE BAN HAS LITTLE CHANCE IF TAKEN TO COURT. IN PROHIBITING THE NPD RALLY WALLMANN ALSO WANTS TO ALLAY ANY LINGERING SUSPICION THAT THE HESSIAN CDU IS TOO COZY WITH THE FAR RIGHT, A POINT OF SOME IMPORTANCE FOR THE OCTOBER 8 ELECTIONS. LEHMANN

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